GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1535
ANSWERED ON:25.07.2017
Violation of Official Secrets Act
Mahtab Shri Bhartruhari

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases of violation of Official Secrets Act that have come to the notice of the Government along with the reaction of the Government thereto during each of the last three years and the current year, State/UT-wise;

(b) whether the Government has set up a Committee to examine the provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1923;

(c) if so, the details thereof along with the composition of the Committee;

(d) whether the Committee has submitted its report;

(e) if so, the details thereof along with the main recommendations of the Committee and if not, the reasons therefor along with the time by which the Committee is likely to submit its report; and

(f) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to curb violation of the said Act?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
(SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) : As per the data received from the National Crime Record Bureau, the details of cases registered for violation of the Official Secrets Act during the last three years is enclosed in Annexure.

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(b) to (f): A Committee consisting of Secretaries of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Department of Personnel and Training and the Department of Legal Affairs was setup to examine the provisions of the Official Secrets Act, 1923 (OSA). The said Committee has submitted a report to the Cabinet Secretariat on 16.06.2017.

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